

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

SB 659 – HB 784

March 26, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly publish in any form information or records relating to handgun carry permits, renewal applications, or any material required for a permit. Violation is punishable by fine only.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 11, 2009, we issued a fiscal note for this bill indicting a *not significant increase in local revenue, a not significant increase in local expenditures, a not significant increase in state revenue, and a not significant increase in state expenditures*. After further review and additional information provided by the Department of Human Services, the fiscal impact of this bill is estimated as follows:

(CORRECTED)

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – A potential loss of \$45,655,000 in federal funding derived from the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

Assumptions:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), this bill does not include an exemption to allow for the release of such information to the Department for purposes concerning child support enforcement.

- DHS indicates that federal law, 42 U.S.C. § 666(a), requires the state to have procedures in place to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses, and recreational and sporting licenses of individuals owing overdue child support payments. According to DHS, the Attorney General (AG) has specifically found this requirement to also extend to handgun carry permits (AG Opinion 02-003).
- According to DHS, this bill could jeopardize approximately \$45,655,000 in federal funding received pursuant to the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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